



Supplemental Food

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- Private company, est. 1997
- Founders helped establish WMV law
- Central Texas Based
- Serving Texas Landowners
- Staff Wildlife Biologists
- Trained, dedicated field technicians
- Registered Property Tax Consultants

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- Rural Real Estate Specialists
- Knowledge of land, income and sales tax advantages
- Work with buyers and sellers



Overview

- TPWD standards for Supplemental Food
- Types of food sources
- What qualifies and what does not
- Examples from landowners
- How Plateau can help
- Questions

WMV and Supplemental Food

- One of the 7 Wildlife Management Practices
- Texas Wildlife Tax Valuation law allows landowners to qualify in the Supplemental Food category by supplying their **target species** with a dedicated source of food



Why is it Important?

- Excellent method of attracting wildlife
 - Improving food distribution increases the amount of usable space for wildlife
- Reduced pressure means healthier wildlife populations
- The more vulnerable your target species the more important it becomes
- Wildlife as a crop...

What Does Not Qualify?

- Timed feeders technically do not
- Corn is a bait not a supplement
- Unreliable, poorly maintained sources that are non-functional or not maintained
- Food that is not meant specifically for wildlife

Qualifying Activities/Methods

- Feeders and mineral supplementation
- Food plots
- **Strip discing**
- Range enhancement
- Reseeding

Protein Feeder



Protein Feeder



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Strip Discing



Strip Discing



Food Plots



Turkey and Wild Bird Feeders



Other Feeders and Methods



Requirements

- Must be a supplement and needs to be free choice
- Installation of new supplemental food sources or new food projects – feeders and food plots
- Maintenance of existing sources also qualifies
 - Use what you have!
- Density requirement for food sources
 - One feeder per 320 acres in most cases
 - Food plots and discing = 10% of a designated or 10 acres, whichever is greater

Timing

- Deer- protein - May- Aug, corn - only as needed for hunting season
- Wild Turkey and songbirds - grains - year round or winter/summer, avoid March-August within 300 ft of endangered species habitat to discourage cowbirds. Protein (dried peas, beans) during spring if desired or if insects low for nesting.
- Food plots
 - Warm- season plant March-May
 - Cool Season plant Sept-Oct
- Reseeding
 - March-April or Sept-Oct. fall is best for native grasses, especially this fall with El Niño coming
- Discing
 - Dec-Feb. different timing will generate different plants so varying time and location is important for diversity.

What are Plateau's Supplemental Food Options?

- Platform Feeder



- Ground Feeder



Quail and Small Wildlife Station



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Hanging Bird Feeder



Platform Feeder



Why Now?

- Get it in place before they need it
- It takes time for wildlife to get used to new things
- If for qualification it should already be done
- Discing can be beneficial any time
- Thinking about it and planning now improves your chances of getting it done and having success

Get it in place early so they get comfortable before they need it...



Document your activity or have someone else do so, so there is never a question.

Keep a consistent source available and they will keep coming back



Oh yeah, document what you do!

- Photos, photos, photos
- Receipts
- Log book or calendar entries
- Notes about conditions
- Notes about what is using the food source
- Your observations
- Put a camera on it!



Thank You!

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*Working with **you** to protect and enhance
your land!*

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